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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: October 26, 1998
Meeting Time: 2:00 P.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,
House Chamber
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 6

Members Present: Rep. Charlie Brown, Chairperson; Rep. Susan Crosby; Rep. Vaneta Becker; Rep. Phyllis Pond; Sen. Robert Jackman; Sen. Glenn Howard; Sen. Vi Simpson.

Members Absent: Rep. Craig Fry; Rep. Karen Burkhardt; Sen. Marvin Riegsecker; Sen. Beverly Gard; Sen. Cleo Washington.

Representative Brown called the meeting to order at 2:25 P.M. and discussed the draft of the final report reflecting the Committee's findings and recommendations on the assigned issues.¹ He explained that, due to lack of time, the issue regarding HIV testing was not addressed. Rep. Brown noted that the Committee had recommended two drafts: (a) a concurrent resolution regarding latex gloves; and (b) a bill amending Indiana's generic drug law. Rep. Brown explained that a bill regarding hospice licensure could be recommended by the Committee if interested parties had reached a consensus on language. He requested testimony from interested parties.

Kathy Williams, Indiana Association of Hospices, stated that interested parties have agreed that facilities such as nursing homes, home health agencies, and hospitals, which are already licensed, would not need additional licensure, but only approval of their hospice programs. She stated that the issue still to be resolved is the frequency of

¹A copy of the draft final report is on file in the Legislative Information Center, Room 230 of the State House, Indianapolis, Indiana. The telephone number of the Legislative Information Center is (317) 232-9856 and the mailing address is 200 W. Washington, Ste. 301, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204-2789.

surveys, explaining that the 10% of hospices per year that are currently surveyed for federal certification is considered insufficient by providers and consumers.

Pat Rios, Indiana State Department of Health, stated that the Department is working with interested parties toward a solution regarding frequency of surveys. She explained that the current bill draft has a sunset provision requiring that the Department perform two surveys before January 1, 2002. Ms. Rios suggested that a provision be added that the Department report to the Health Finance Commission, before January 1, 2002, and provide sufficient information to determine whether the federally-required and current surveying frequency of 10% of hospices per year is sufficient, or whether increased frequency should be required by statute. This suggestion was supported by Committee members and approved as a recommendation to be amended into the final report.

Rep. Brown explained that, since there was not yet full consensus on language, a bill addressing the issue of hospice licensure would not be recommended by the Committee, but that work on the bill should continue as stated in the final report.

Rep. Becker noted that it was not clear from the draft of the final report that no action had been taken by the Committee with regard to narrow therapeutic index drugs. Ann Naughton stated that she would amend the final report to clarify this by addressing the issue of narrow therapeutic index drugs and the sub-issue of generic drug law separately in the findings and recommendations.

A motion to approve the final report, as amended, was made and adopted. The Committee approved the final report, as amended, by roll call vote 7-0.

With no further business to discuss, Rep. Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:00 P.M.